

Abstract**Plastically deformable irreversible storage medium and method of producing one such medium**

The storage medium comprises an array of memory cells (3) which can be addressed by first (1) and second (2) conductors. Each memory cell (3) comprises one zone (10) of an active layer (8) which is initially electrically insulating and which can be made electrically conductive by means of localised plastic deformation (4), such as to selectively connect the first (1) and second (2) associated conductors. Binary information stored in the memory cell (3) is determined by the electrical conducting state of the corresponding zone (10) of the active layer (8). The active layer (8) can be formed using a charged resin. The medium production method comprises assembly of a blank storage medium having an active layer (8) which is in the initial insulating state, production of a stamping die having a stamping pattern that corresponds to the information to be stored, and stamping of the storage medium using the stamping die.

(Figure 2)